



FERTILIZERS AND MANURE
ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION DIVISION : IMPORT PROCEDURES

COMMODITY CHARACTERISTICS

- Organic fertilizers **and composted growing medium** containing bone meal, feather meal, manure (bird, ruminant or porcine only) or any other **regulated** ingredients of animal origin.
- Animal manure: includes bird, ruminant and porcine manure only "as such" to be used as a fertilizer. For animal feed, it is **regulated** as such or as an ingredient.

1. ORGANIC FERTILIZER AND COMPOSTED GROWING MEDIUM

From USA

may be imported according to Animal Health (AH) if Revenue Canada determines that the country of origin is the United States as per Section 41.(1) of the Health of Animals Regulations.

From designated countries:

Fertilizers containing **animal by-products** derived from any species or manure of bird, ruminant or porcine must originate from countries recognized by CFIA free of all OIE List A diseases (except for bluetongue and vesicular stomatitis). If the fertilizer or composted growing medium contains any rendered animal proteins such as bone meal, feather meal or blood meal, the country must also be recognized free of BSE by CFIA.

may be imported according to Animal Health as per section 41.(1) and 41.(2) if the person produces a certificate issued by a government of the country of origin stating the origin.

Risk: Low

From non-designated countries:

Since these products are considered high risk from infected countries and even though they may be treated, the possibility of cross-contamination is high, therefore the product may only be imported according to Animal Health with an import permit as per Section 52.2 H of A Regulations and after successful completion of a risk assessment. If the fertilizer or composted growing medium contains any rendered animal proteins and the country is not recognized free of BSE by CFIA, it is **prohibited**.

Risk: High

2. MANURE

From USA:

A) Bagged, composted ruminant manure:

may be imported according to Animal Health as per Section 46.1 of the H of A Regs. if CCI (Customs Commercial Invoice), **or other proof such as labeling**, indicates the species and that it is imported as composted and bagged manure.

B) Ruminant (bulk), porcine and bird manure:

may be imported as per section 46.(1) H of A Regulations if accompanied by an official export certificate from the USA stating that:

Manure (ruminant and porcine) was subjected to a minimum of 77 degrees Centigrade for a minimum of 7 days;

Poultry manure was subjected to a minimum of 65 degrees Centigrade for a minimum of 5 days.



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From designated countries:

Fertilizers containing manure from ruminants, porcine or birds from countries that CFIA recognizes exempt of all the following diseases: Velogenic Newcastle disease, fowl plague (highly pathogenic avian influenza), foot-and-mouth disease, swine vesicular disease, classical swine fever (hog cholera), African swine fever, pseudorabies

may be imported as per section 46.(1) H of A Regs. if accompanied by an official export certificate stating that:

Manure (porcine, ruminant) was subjected to a minimum of 77 degrees Centigrade for a minimum of 7 days

Poultry manure was subjected to a minimum of 65 degrees Centigrade for a minimum of 5 days.

Risk: Low

From non-designated countries:

Since these products are considered high risk from infected countries and even though they may be treated, the possibility of cross-contamination is high, the product may only be imported according to Animal Health after successful completion of a risk assessment and if accompanied by an import permit as per Section 52.2 H of A Regs.

Risk: High

N.B. *Bat guano and manure from species other than ruminants, porcine and birds are not regulated according to the definition of "manure" in the Health of Animals Regulations.*

IMPLEMENTATION:

This general import directive supersedes all AH import directives either specific or general related to fertilizers and manure.

This directive relates to AH import requirements and does not remove any obligation to the Canadian importer to comply with the import requirements of other Canadian Food Inspection Agency programs and/or other departments such as the Fertilizer section of the Plant Health and Production Division.

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